# The DEATH VALLEY '49ERS 58th Annual ENCAMPMENT

November 7th through 11th, 2007

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# DEATH VALLEY '49ERS STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Death Valley '49ers Non-Profit Organization
is to Promote Understanding
and Appreciation of Death Valley and its History

The Death Valley '49ers are an all-volunteer non-profit organization that seeks to expand public awareness of Death Valley as a highly valued national resource and recreational area protected and preserved by the National Park Service and others for the use and enjoyment of present generations.

The aim of the '49ers is to foster appreciation of Death Valley as a rare desert environment having unique natural and cultural histories, which played an important role in the settlement of the west and the addition of California to the union.

Special recognition is given to the California-bound pioneer wagon parties of 1849-50 whose indomitable will to survive and persevere through the ordeal of that winter serves as an enduring example of the hardy spirit of all Americans who traveled far searching for new and better lives. The Death Valley '49ers sponsor the Annual Encampment each November to celebrate this pioneer spirit and this special place called Death Valley.

# DEATH VALLEY '49ER OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2007

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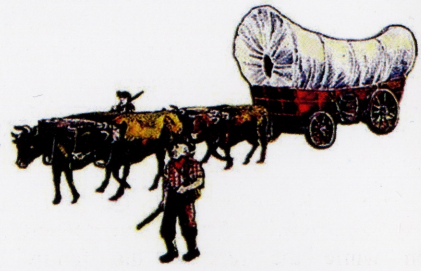
## THANK YOU - FOR YOUR SUPPORT

This Encampments arrangements have involved numerous people and organizations. The Death Valley '49ers Officers, Board of Directors, Advisors, and Associates, who serve as volunteers, want to recognize and extend our most sincere thanks to the following: The National Park Service, Inyo County Sheriffs Dept., California Highway Patrol, CalTrans, Furnace Creek Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Service, Automobile Club of Southern California, Xanterra, Panamint Springs Resort, and the many others too numerous to mention who made this encampment such a success.

**The Encampment Production Committee** has worked hard this year to organize and produce this encampment for your enjoyment. It is a labor of love. All the Death Valley '49ers are volunteers.

Visit us at

**www.DeathValley49ers.org**



**Death Valley '49er 2nd Vice President**
Danny Ray Thomas - Editor

Marvin Jensen

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Advisors, and Associates of the Death Valley 49ers, Inc., it is a pleasure for me to welcome you to the 58th Annual Encampment. Since its inception at the impressive 1949 Centennial Cavalcade, this volunteer organization's members have given their time so that those attending the Encampment can have a wonderful five days of programs, outings, history, and music.

We hope that those of you who have attended in the past will enjoy the programs we have planned for this year. Many programs are similar to past encampments such as the: wagon train and trail riders arrival on Friday, music of the Chaparral's, special music programs at the Fiddlers Stage, dancing under the stars, costume contest, art show, and many more events. Each year each has its own, unique differences. For those of you attending for the first time, I believe what we have to offer will bring you back again and again like so many of us. One of the missions of the '49ers is to preserve the history of Death Valley. I hope each of you will take time to go to the bookstore at the Visitors Center. I encourage you each to not only purchase a book on the history of the 1849 Wagon Train, but also on the people, mines, geology, biology, etc. of the region. There are also some excellent children's books, particularly the book "Old Crump." This is the story about an ox called "Old Crump." In early 1850, William Manly and John Rogers returned to rescue the Bennett and Arcan families who were stranded in Death Valley. Old Crump carried the Arcan and Bennett children while the rest of the family members, Manly, and Rogers walked out of Death Valley.

This year the cloisonné pin is dedicated to the Wade family who in 1849 were the only pioneers to get out of Death Valley with their wagon. The pin was designed by Director Jean Pickard and is based on a painting by William Rushing, one of the artists in the Art Show. My late wife, Mary, was a descendant of the Wade's and commissioned Rushing to paint the Wade wagon and family several years ago. The full picture is also on the cover of this years program.

I hope all of you enjoy the Encampment. We are always looking for people to become active on the Board of Directors. If you are so inclined, speak to one of us wearing "The Boss of the Plains" hat. You are also invited to attend our annual meeting in the Visitor Center auditorium at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Lastly, please purchase a membership. This is our only source of income which makes it possible for us to carry on the yearly Encampment.

Marv Jensen, President Death Valley '49ers

## SUPERINTENDENT'S WELCOME

*"I want to again send a Howdy and Welcome to the Death Valley '49ers." We are always proud to acknowledge the partnership we have with the Death Valley '49ers and want you all to know how much we appreciate you. The Death Valley staff cherishes our relationship with the '49ers and how this relationship has existed for many years, spanning the careers of many employees and superintendents. The praise we have for you is well deserved, and we appreciate how much you volunteer your time and energy to support Death Valley National Park. Our children have benefited from your Scholarship Endowment Fund, our cultural resource and education branches are still reaping the benefits of your philanthropic activities, our fee program benefits especially during the encampment, and our staff gains valuable experience in managing large events. Your participation during the Centennial Challenge Listening Session in Los Angeles also demonstrated your support for Death Valley National Park. Your comments during the listening sessions will help the National Park Service meet the needs of generations to come. "We again thank you for all that you do willingly to ensure that many generations to come are aware of the value and importance of Death Valley National Park and its history to our citizens and the world."*

James 'JT' Reynolds

*We are about to embark upon another encampment, the 2007 version that will feature some new events in addition to the favorite activities we have all enjoyed in the past. The staff and I are positioned to support you as we have over the years. Sunset Campground has been realigned to meet national campground standards for safety and access. Those '49ers who stay at Stovepipe Wells will experience our new and improved ranger station which was destroyed during a microburst wind storm in April 2004.*

*We have had a successful year, considering budget cuts. We also believe we are in for a bright future as we prepare for the 2008 Fiscal Year congressional budget increases. Death Valley is scheduled to benefit and will receive the funding to increase staff positions. We will increase our visitor contacts, complete more maintenance projects, and enhance our resource management programs. We also hope to benefit from the centennial challenge projects and programs initiative, and hope the '49ers can join us in a partnership to reap some mutual benefits.*

*Again, the employees of Death Valley National Park are ready to ensure the 2007 '49ers Encampment is successful. We the employees of the Death Valley National Park are charged with preserving this country's "National Spirit." We care for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage and we thank the Death Valley '49ers for helping us with this mission.*

*With much love and respect,*

*James "JT" Reynolds, Superintendent*
*Death Valley National Park*

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**FCR** = Furnace Creek Ranch
**SPW** = Stovepipe Wells
**SHO** = Shoshone
**SC** = Scotty's Castle
**NPS** = National Park Service
**VC** = NPS Visitor Center
**CHP** = California Highway Patrol
**MSR** = '49er Membership Required

## DEATH VALLEY '49er MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPATION EVENTS

During the day it is advisable to wear a hat and use sunscreen. Take folding chairs to most activities, very little seating provided. Take a flashlight and jacket to evening events.

# WELCOME

## To The Death Valley '49ers 58th Annual ENCAMPMENT

**If You Love The Desert and the Sounds of Music In The Air Then We Got Ya' Covered Pardner**

## PRE—ENCAMPMENT & CONTINUING EVENTS

# SPECIAL FEATURES

**FCR & SPW / 8:00AM : Membership Booths**

**Open daily at FCR & SPW beginning Nov. 1st** '49er memberships, breakfast tickets and applications into events are available.

Golf Tournament — Nov. 9th & 10th. With purchase of membership, golf fees will be reduced for the week of the Encampment.

Sale of cloisonné pins, and collectible items from prior years will be available at each Membership Booth.

**FCR / NOV. 5th - 10th**

**The '49er Coffee Shop, Wrangler Buffet & Wrangler Steakhouse** are extending a 20% discount on all menu selections to current members of the Death Valley '49ers Organization.

**' YOU MUST WEAR YOUR BUTTON '**

**NOTE:** Not allowed on Early Bird Specials.

### SPW / PHOTOGRAPHY, WOODCARVING & NEEDLEWORK COMPETITIONS : Auditorium

Registration on Wednesday, Nov. 7th from 8:00AM - 11:00AM with viewing and voting from 11:00AM - 4:30PM. Viewing and voting on Nov. 8th - 9th from 9:00AM - 4:30PM **MSR**

### SPW / PAMPERED PET COSTUME CONTEST AND PARADE : Poolside

Nov. 7th sign up begins at 9:15AM and the program begins at 10:00AM. Enter your pampered pet in its best costume. All entrants must be on leash and under control at all times. **MSR**

### FCR / INVITATIONAL WESTERN ART SHOW :

**EXHIBITS:** open Thursday 9:00AM - 4:30PM, Friday 9:00AM -5:00PM, Saturday 9:00AM - 5:00PM, Sunday 9:00 AM - 12:00Noon **VC Parking Area**

**COMPETITION BALLOTING:** Thu. 9:00AM-4:00PM & Fri. 9:00AM - 5:00PM, Nov. 8th & 9th. Please vote for your favorite artwork in each category. **VC Patio MSR**

**QUICK DRAW:** Thu & Fri 2:00PM, **VC Auditorium** Auctioneer Steve Orcutt

**PEOPLE'S COMPOSITE:** Thursday, Nov. 8th, 10:00AM - 4:00PM with artist Susan Altstatt and Friday, Nov. 9th, 9:00AM - 4:00PM with artist Bill Goodwin. **VC Parking Area MSR**

**BREAKFAST WITH ALL THE ARTISTS: Golf Course** Saturday November 10th, 6:30 AM - 8:30 AM. See the Plein-Air competition award winners and auction. Awards to winners of the Artist Competition Artwork in the patio. Sid Burns Award. **Public Welcome**.

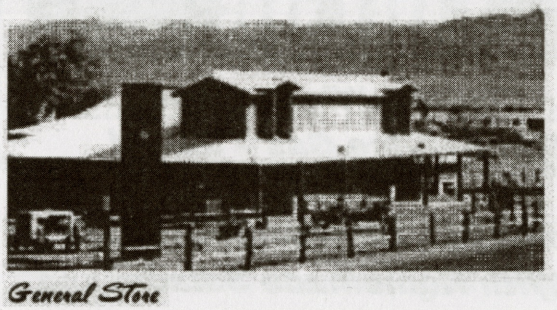
### FCR / '49ER GOLF TOURNAMENT : Golf Course

Fri. Nov. 9th, 8:00 AM and Sat. Nov. 10th, 8:00 AM. Entry forms available at golf course or membership booths. FCR Pro Matt Bryda and staff supervise this two day tournament for both men and women. For more information see Friday & Saturday in '49er schedule of events ( program ) or talk with Matt and staff at the golf course. Prizes awarded. Good luck. **MSR**

### FCR & SPW / A NEW FILM FROM TED FAYE

***Weird Tales from Death Valley***. Join Death Valley filmmaker Ted Faye as he explores the strange side of Death Valley. In this new film you'll learn about the ancient civilization hidden beneath the Panamint Mountains. There's the stories of the vanishing prospector; There's rumors of a secret alien base inhabited by the Reptilians; and what about the family of tourists who simply vanished. Of course there's the tale of the lost golden harp of the pioneers; and what would Death Valley be without some wandering ghosts? For premier showings check your (program) for Wed. Nov. 7th SPW, Fri. Nov. 9th FCR and Sat. Nov. 10th FCR.


*The Soul of the Old West*



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### FCR / VEHICLES FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE :

Will be on display Friday, Nov. 9th at the Golf Course. The California Highway Patrol, Inyo County Sheriff's Department, emergency medical technicians' vehicles and services.

### SHO / SHOSHONE'S OLD WEST CELEBRATION :

Friday through Sunday, Friday Nov. 2nd thru Sunday Nov. 4th. Old West Musical Festival. Deep-Pit BBQ, Crafts, Gem & Mineral Show, Cowboy Poetry, Native American Dancing, Trail and Wagon Rides.

### FCR / PARK RANGER TALKS : VC Auditorium

Every evening NPS Park Rangers present interesting programs. Check bulletin board for topics and time.

### FCR / FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS : VC grounds near NPS hamburger stand

Come by for a FREE blood pressure check.

### FCR / 9:00AM - 1:00PM NOV. 9th - 10th BISHOP LIONS' CLUB EYE MOBILE : Date Grove

Come by for a FREE Glaucoma Examination.

### SPW / NEW MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT THIS YEAR

The Ron & Opal Show, Thursday Nov. 8th 9:30AM

Don Truby & Jean Pickard Thursday Nov. 8th 1:00PM

### FCR / A VERY SPECIAL FEATURE

By request the **SALINAS VALLEY 4 BANGERS MODEL T FORD CLUB** will join us this year. Come and join Richard and June Coffey as they drive and display their 1915 Model T Ford along with several of the Club Members driving their T's. They will participate Friday driving from the Inn to the ranch and they will lead the parade on Saturday. The T's will be on display daily at the date grove and golf course.

### FCR / 'SOUTHWEST MINING, MINERALS, LAPIDARY & CRAFT SHOW'

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## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND THRU SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

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- Death Valley '49ers Wagon Train Visit
- Museum: Speakers, Slide Shows, Book Signings
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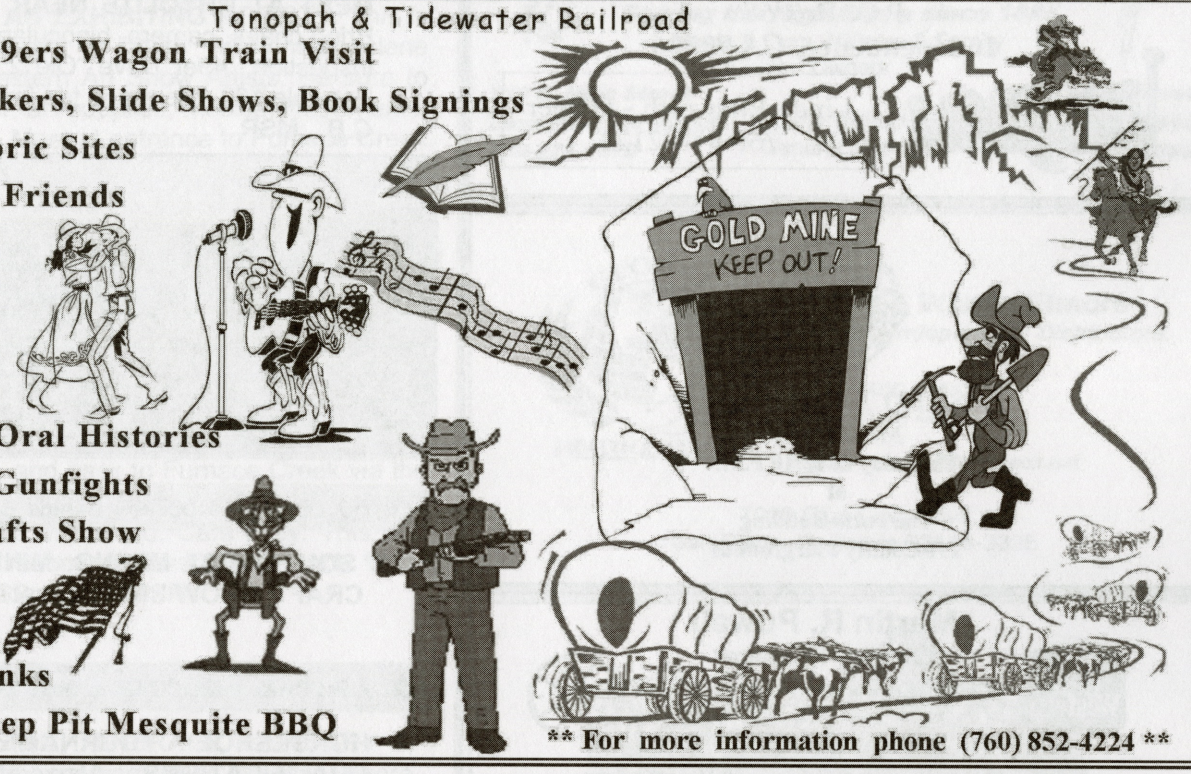


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## Performing throughout the ENCAMPMENT

Ken Graydon, Chaparral,
Richard Elloyan, Tom Leftwich,
Danny Ray Thomas, Kerry Christensen,
Bill Whitfield & The Old Time Fiddlers,
Banjo Jack & the String-A-longs,
Ron & Opal, Rod Erickson,
Don Truby & Jean Pickard,
The Johnsons, and many others.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

**FCR / 6:00PM - 9:00PM : Fiddlers' Stage**

**DANCING UNDER THE STARS with Bill Whitfield: MSR**

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

**FCR & SPW / Interdenominational Church Services**

Check at the VISITOR CENTER for time and place

**FCR & SPW / 11:00AM : Sunset Campground**

**ENCAMPMENT PRE – 4X4 TOUR, TITUS CANYON TOUR AND BADWATER LOOP DRIVE MEETING:** Meet with Dave "Ole 2 Shovels" Heffner, Ken Lengner, and Bennie Troxel at the Sunset Campground (FCR) meeting area, to discuss tour information. (tour times, things to take, types of vehicles needed, vehicle limitations, etc). If you need a ride for one of the tours, come to the meeting and we will try to provide one. If you have a CB radio, be sure to bring it for the tours.

**FCR / 6:00PM - 9:00PM : Fiddlers' Stage**

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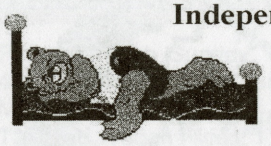

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## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

### FCR & SPW / 8:30AM : 22ND Annual 4X4 Tour

**MEET AT RHYOLITE NEAR THE OLD RED BARN.** Bring chairs, camera, binoculars, lunch & water. Vehicle inspection. '49er Dave "Ole 2 Shovels" Heffner leads. Possible 160 mile round trip from FCR. Don't forget your *C.B.* **MSR**

### FCR / 9:00AM - 4:00PM : Behind Borax Museum

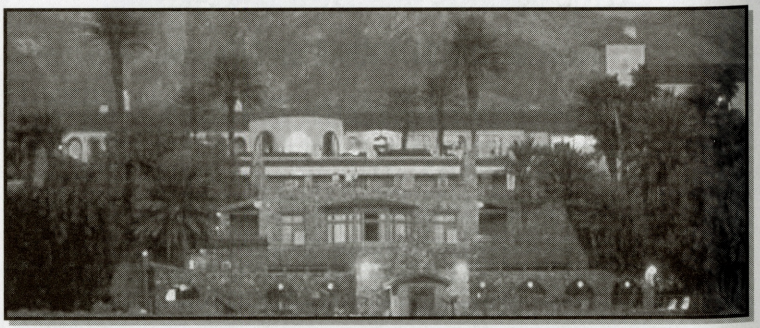
**' SOUTHWEST MINING, MINERALS, LAPIDARY & CRAFT SHOW '** Chairperson: '49er Wanda Elmore

### FCR / 9:00AM - 11:00AM : Date Grove

**HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT..... QUALIFICATIONS: Also at 2:00PM to 4:00PM ( if not filled in the AM ) MONDAY ONLY** Open to men and women $10.00 entry fee. Ribbons awarded. Chairperson '49er Nancy Graves assisted by '49er Barbara Reber. **MSR**

### FCR / 1:00PM & 2:00PM : Furnace Creek Inn

**TOUR HISTORIC FURNACE CREEK INN:** Join Inn Manager Alex Cabana for a tour of this historic Inn. **LIMITED TO 25 EACH TOUR. ADVANCE SIGN UP REQUIRED.** Sign-up and information are available at the main membership booth FCR (day use parking area) **MSR**



### FCR / 6:00PM - 9:00PM : Fiddlers' Stage

**DANCING UNDER THE STARS with Bill Whitfield: MSR**

# TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

**FCR / 8:00AM - 12:00NOON : Membership Booths**

**"PAINTOUT WITH AN EXHIBITING ARTIST":** This is your opportunity to paint in Death Valley with Jolene Biss, one of our Western Art Show Artists. Be sure to bring your hat, water, art supplies, musical instruments, chairs and cameras. Meet at entrance to Furnace Creek at 'Old Dinah'. **MSR**

**FCR / 8:00AM - 4:00PM : Meet on west side of highway starting south of Old Dinah near FCR Entrance**

**BADWATER LOOP DRIVE:** This tour will be led by Ken Lengner and Bennie Troxel, You know them, because they have led the Titus Canyon tour for many years. . . Start at Furnace Creek and then go to Death Valley Junction, Shoshone, and back to Furnace Creek via the Badwater Road. Geology, Biology, and History at selected stops will be discussed. Cars okay. This is a full day tour and we recommend water and lunch. Don't forget to bring your CB radio. **MSR**

**FCR / 9:00AM - 4:00PM : Behind Borax Museum**

**' SOUTHWEST MINING, MINERALS, LAPIDARY & CRAFT SHOW '** Chairperson: '49er Wanda Elmore

**FCR / 9:00AM - 4:00PM : Hiking Sidewinder Canyon**

**HIKING SIDEWINDER CANYON:** 3 mile trip with an elevation gain of 800 feet... Bring lunch and water. Easy hike. Meet at 'Old Dinah. Led by '49er Advisor Chuck Knight **MSR**

**SPW / 10:00AM : Badwater Saloon**

**DEATH VALLEY TRUTH AND LEGEND:** Come and enjoy the Death Valley ramblings of Danny Ray Thomas and Dave 'Ole Two Shovels' Heffner. **MSR**

**FCR / 1:00PM : Furnace Creek Inn**

**TOUR HISTORIC FURNACE CREEK INN:** Join Inn Manager Alex Cabana for a tour of this historic Inn. **One tour only this day. LIMITED TO 25 EACH TOUR. ADVANCE SIGN UP REQUIRED.** Sign-up and information are available at the main membership booth FCR (day use parking area) **MSR**

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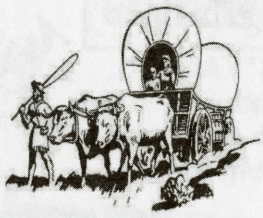

# ENCAMPMENT EVENTS BEGIN

**Thank You For Attending The 58TH Annual Death Valley '49ers Encampment. Please Remember, All That You Enjoy Here Is Brought To You Through The Efforts Of Your 100% Volunteer Organization. If You Would Like To Help With The Encampments Planning, Come To The 1:00PM Meeting At The Visitor Center On Sunday November 11TH And Sign Up To Become A Death Valley '49er Advisor, And Become Part Of Western Lore.....**

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

**SPW & FCR / 8:00AM : Membership Booths**

**WHEELBARROW RACE SIGN-UP:** Join in the fun. Just bring a friend to have some fun. **MSR**

**SPW & FCR / 8:00AM : Membership Booths**

**PROSPECTORS' RACE SIGN-UP:** Join in the fun. Just bring a friend to have some fun. **MSR**

**FCR / 8:00AM - 3:00PM : East side of highway opposite the Visitor Center**

**TITUS CANYON DRIVE:** Meet at east side of highway opposite the VC. Tour leaders: '49ers Ken Lengner, Naturalist / Historian and Bennie Troxel, Geologist. A high clearance vehicle in good condition with good tires and full tank of gas are recommended. Bring lunch and one gallon of water per person. Seventy miles round trip. Leaves promptly at 8:30AM. CB radios are recommended. We need to maximize people per vehicle and minimize vehicles. Due to popularity, we need to determine if we must schedule a second tour. **MSR**

**SPW / 8:00AM - 11:00AM : Auditorium**

**PHOTOGRAPHY, WOODCARVING & NEEDLEWORK COMPETITIONS:** Registration from 8:00AM - 11:00AM. Viewing from 11:00AM - 4:00PM. '49ers Danny Ray and Cheryl Thomas, Co-Chairs. **MSR**

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**FCR / 9:00AM : Date Grove**

**HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT BEGINS:**

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### SPW / 9:00AM : Badwater Saloon

**SLIDE SHOW:** With '49er Dave "Ole 2 Shovels" Heffner **MSR**

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### SPW / 9:15AM : Poolside

**PAMPERED PET DRESS-UP CONTEST:** Enter your pampered pet in its best costume. All entrants must be on leash and under control at all times. Judging starts at 10:00AM. Dog ***TALES*** and music by '49er Tom Leftwich. '49er Diane Heffner, Chairperson **MSR**

### FCR / 11:00AM : VC Patio

**PATIO TALK:** NPS Park Ranger

### FCR / 1:00PM & 2:00PM : Furnace Creek Inn

**TOUR HISTORIC FURNACE CREEK INN:** Join Inn Manager Alex Cabana for a tour of this historic Inn. **LIMITED TO 25 EACH TOUR. ADVANCE SIGN UP REQUIRED.** Sign-up and information are available at the main membership booth FCR (day use parking area) **MSR**

### FCR / 1:00PM : Date Grove

**HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT CONTINUES:**

Classes G & H Men

### FCR / 2:00PM : VC Auditorium

**SLIDE SHOW:** Come join '49er Dave "Ole 2 Shovels" Heffner as he takes us into Death Valley's Back Country. **MSR**

### SPW / 2:30 - 3:30PM : Badwater Saloon

**PREMIER SHOWING of a film from filmmaker Ted Faye: *WEIRD TALES FROM DEATH VALLEY*.** See SPECIAL FEATURES for more details. **MSR**

### FCR / 3:00PM : VC Patio

**The KERRY CHRISTENSEN SHOW:** Kerry is returning this year with his fabulous SONGS and YODELING. Kerry does the yodeling for a character in the Disney movie "HOME ON THE RANGE". Don't forget to bring your chairs.

### SPW / 6:00PM : Patio

**MUSIC BY DEATH VALLEY '49ER TOM LEFTWICH** with OLD VALLEY GOLD and 'Texas' Rick Hartmann. **MSR**

### FCR / 6:00PM - 9:00 PM : Fiddlers' Stage

**SONGS OF THE WEST:** This night will be one of the best informal programs put on by the '49ers and Ron Hannold. You will see and hear Rod Erickson, International known yodeler and singer who has sung with Marty Robbins, Mel Tillis, George Jones and done many radio and television performances. Kerry Christensen, a Master Alpine Yodeler who has sung throughout the world is returning. Also returning are the Jeppsons and Penny Healey, known as Banjo Jack & the String-A-Longs. They will be singing Bluegrass, Country & Dixieland songs. Also returning will be our favorite Country Gospel Singers the "Johnsons". **MSR**

# Death Valley '49ers Scholarship Program

The Death Valley '49ers Organization, along with your help, have provided scholarship assistance to qualified graduates of the Death Valley Unified School District since 1976. No permanent resident of the Death Valley area had completed college until this program was initiated. Now college entry is a goal for most students and degrees have been received in a wide assortment of fields, and 36 scholarships have been awarded since this program began.

Each of these young people have received strong motivation to succeed in life. Additional funding is needed to serve the large number of qualified applicants. Contributions to the Scholarship Program may be made at any membership booth or to any '49er membership sales person. Every gift will help a qualified student obtain a better education. All gifts are tax deductible. Thanks to all of you for your assistance to these young people.

Please note your donation on your membership application specifying "Scholarship Program".

*Thank You*

*Death Valley '49ers*

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

**SPW / 8:00 AM : Poolside**

**HISTORICAL BREAKFAST:** Ted Goodwin, son of T. R. Goodwin first Superintendent of Death Valley National Monument, will be sharing his memories of those days. Come learn and enjoy. A must for those who love Death Valley. Danny Ray Thomas Entertains. Tickets available at the breakfast and at the membership booths. **MSR**

**SPW / 9:00AM - 1:30PM : Meet at SPW Airport**

**COTTONWOOD CANYON DRIVE:** Join '49er Cal Steibel as he leads you to one of the more unique desert canyons. Bring lunch, camera, water and hat. 4-wheel drive, high clearance vehicle required. This will be the last year for the Cottonwood Drive. **MSR**

**FCR / 9:00AM - 4:00PM : Behind Borax Museum**

**' SOUTHWEST MINING, MINERALS, LAPIDARY & CRAFT SHOW '** Chairperson: '49er Wanda Elmore

**SPW / 9:00AM - 5:00PM : Auditorium**

**NEEDLEWORK, WOODCARVING AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:** Come View and Vote

**FCR / 9:00AM : Date Grove**

**HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT CONTINUES:**

Classes E & F, Men.

**FCR / 9:00AM - 4:30PM : VC parking lot**

**INVITATIONAL ART SHOW:** Premier Western Artists have exhibited in categories of Oils, Water Colors, Acrylics, Sculpture and Mixed Media. **All art is for sale.** '49er members are invited to the VC Patio where Artist Competition Artwork is on display and you can vote for your favorite art work. Chairperson: Wanda Elmore

**SPW / 9:30AM : Poolside**

**COME AND ENJOY THE GREAT MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT OF THE RON AND OPAL SHOW:** They've been performing together for 35 years. Don't miss this opportunity to have one of America's most loved couples entertain for you. **MSR**

# DEATH VALLEY '49ERS

**FCR / 10:00AM : VC Patio**

**PATIO TALK:** Come and meet Death Valley National Park Superintendent J. T. Reynolds and hear about all the good things happening in Death Valley National Park.

**FCR / 10:00AM - 4:00PM : VC Parking area**

**PEOPLE'S COMPOSITE:** Paint with various artists throughout the day on a piece of art to be completed by artist Susan Alstatt and auctioned at the Breakfast with the Artists. Sign up at the Art Show Membership Booth. **MSR**

**FCR / 11:00AM : VC Auditorium**

**THE 20TH ANNUAL PIONEER COSTUME CONTEST** Don your pioneer attire, bring a camera and join us in a fun-filled photogenic and nostalgic excursion back in time. '49ers Sue Conn and Ken Graydon officiate. Official Judges, Kris and Roger Watson assisted by '49ers Walt and June Geisen. Awards & Ribbons will be presented. Contestants may participate in parade on Saturday. **MSR**

**SPW / 1:00PM : Poolside**

**COME AND ENJOY THE MUSIC OF DON TRUBY & JEAN PICKARD:** Death Valley '49ers Advisor Don Truby and Death Valley '49ers Director Jean Pickard will play and sing for your pleasure **MSR**

**FCR / 2:00PM : VC Auditorium**

**ARTISTS' "QUICK-DRAW" & AUCTION:** The artists known as "The Wild Bunch" are returning again. Each one will complete a 'quick draw' piece of art in 45 minutes. Steve Orcutt, nationally renowned auctioneer, will auction the art. Scholarship applicants will assist at the auction, and proceeds benefit the Death Valley '49ers Scholarship program.

**FCR / 2:00PM : VC Patio**

**PATIO TALK: "MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH"** Come and listen to Dominee Lenz, General Manager, Furnace Creek Inn and Ranch

**FCR / 3:00PM : Fiddlers' Stage**

**SIGN UP FOR COYOTE HOWL:** Join us for this informal talent night. Each act limited to four minutes.

MC - '49er Edie Gark. **MSR**

**SPW / 3:30PM to 4:30PM : Badwater Saloon**

**TED R. GOODWIN:** This year we have the pleasure of hearing the story of what it was like to grow up in Death Valley National Monument. Ted Goodwin is the son of T. R. Goodwin who was the first full time superintendent of Death Valley National Monument, a position he held for over 26 years. Ted will relate what it was like as a young boy in Death Valley during the 1930's to 1940's. This is a NOT TO MISS program. Introduction will be made by `49er President, Marv Jensen. **MSR**

**FCR / 4:15PM - 5:15PM : VC Auditorium**

**TED FAYE VIDEO:** Filmmaker Ted Faye Presents A Gold Creek Classic NOW ON DVD: ***Chasing the Rainbow; Adventures of the Desert Prospectors***. If you ever wondered how the prospectors survived in Death Valley, this is the film for you. You'll discover how they lived, why they did what they did and what it meant to be a 'single-blanket-jackass-prospector'. The stories of Shorty Harris and Death Valley Scotty come to life in this unique Death Valley film. **MSR**

**SPW / 4:30PM : Poolside**

**ENJOY THE GREAT SONGS AND YODELING BY KERRY CHRISTENSEN:** Kerry is a Master Yodeler and world traveler. If you haven't heard him, it's a must. If you have heard him we're sure you'll want to hear some more!!! **MSR**

**FCR / 6:00PM - 9:00PM : Fiddlers' Stage**

**COYOTE HOWL:** Informal talent night. Come for music and laughs. MC - '49er Edie Gark. **MSR**

**SPW / 6:30PM : Poolside**

**ENCAMPMENT CAMPFIRE:** Join us for entertainment and a whole lotta' fun by the campfire. **MSR**

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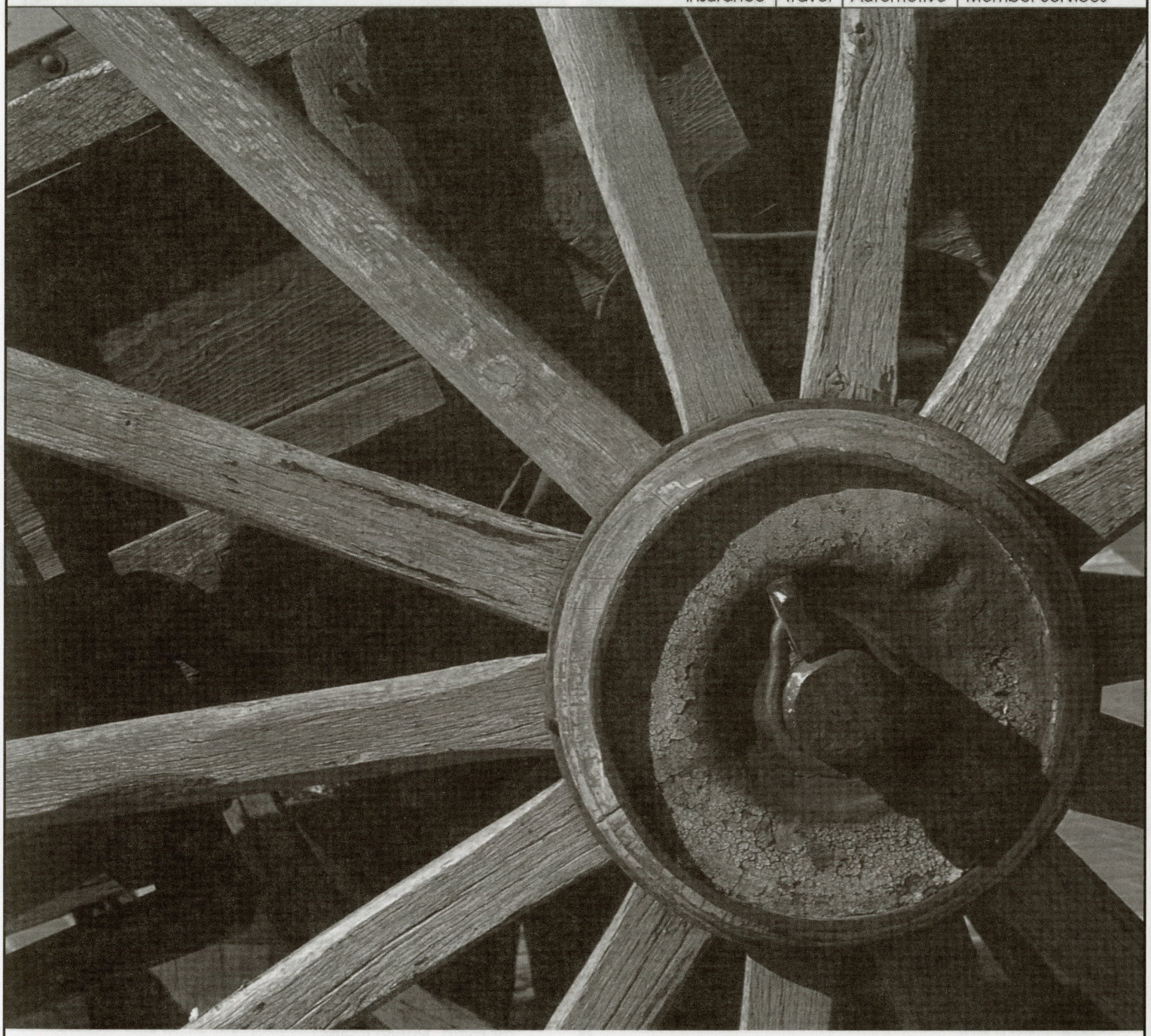

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# FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

**FCR / 7:00AM : Golf Course**

**HOOTENANNY HOEDOWN BREAKFAST:** At 8:00AM enjoy MC Ken Graydon along with Chaparral. Breakfast tickets available at '49er Membership Booths and at the breakfast. **MSR**

**FCR / 7:00AM : Golf Course**

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE DISPLAY:** Inyo County Sheriff's Dept., EMT and NPS emergency vehicles.

**SPW / 8:00AM : Poolside**

**AUTHOR'S BREAKFAST:** Author and Historian Ken Lengner will be discussing "The Mysterious History of Death Valley". '49er Danny Ray Thomas entertains. **MSR**

**FCR / 8:00AM : Golf Course**

**DEATH VALLEY '49ER GOLF TOURNAMENT: Entry forms available at the Golf Course or Membership Booths.** 1st Round. '49ers Dick Gering, Edie Pool and Jeanne Hobbs along with Death Valley's Golf Pro Matt Bryda and staff supervise this two day tournament. The tournament will consist of a 'Two (2) Person Scramble' on Friday using posted handicaps. Entry fee includes green fee. (Tee Times Available) '49er membership required to participate. Reduced green fees will be given for the week of the encampment with a '49er membership. Prizes: golf outings, golf packages, casino overnights, golf equipment, etc. **MSR**

**FCR / 9:00AM - 5:00PM : VC Parking Area**

**INVITATIONAL WESTERN ART SHOW CONTINUES:** All artwork is for sale. Judging of competition art by '49er members on the VC Patio concludes at 5:00PM. Please vote for your favorite artwork. Results will be announced at the "Breakfast with the Artists," Saturday morning. Public invited.

**FCR / 9:00AM - 4:00PM : VC Parking Area**

**PEOPLE'S COMPOSITE:** Sign up and paint with various artists through the day. Artist Bill Goodwin is in charge of the completed piece of artwork that will be auctioned Saturday morning at the 'Breakfast with the Artists'. **MSR**

**SPW / 9:00AM - 4:00PM : Auditorium**

**NEEDLEWORK, WOODCARVING AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST CONTINUES:** Viewing and voting continue. Voting stops a 3:00PM. **MSR**

**FCR / 9:00AM - 12:00PM : Lawn area behind Borax Museum near tennis courts**

**FAMILY GOLD PANNING:** Young and old alike can learn how to "pan fer gold." '49ers Fran Leftwich and "T" Ted Tatro will show you how. '49er Tom Leftwich entertains. **MSR**

**FCR / 9:00AM : Date Grove**

**HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT CONTINUES:**

Classes C & D Men.

**FCR / 9:00AM - 1:00PM : Date Grove**

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**FCR / 9:00AM - 9:45AM : VC Auditorium**

**Premier Showing** of a film from filmmaker Ted Faye:
***Weird Tales from Death Valley***
See SPECIAL FEATURES for more details. **MSR**

**FCR / 9:00AM - 4:00PM : Behind Borax Museum**

**' SOUTHWEST MINING, MINERALS, LAPIDARY & CRAFT SHOW '** Chairperson: '49er Wanda Elmore

**SPW / 9:30AM - 11:00AM : Poolside**

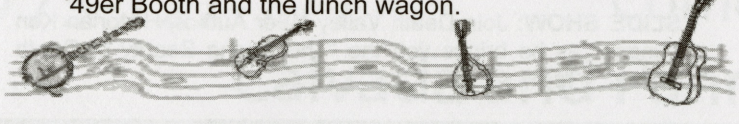
**START YOUR DAY WITH THE GREAT SONGS AND YODELING OF KERRY CHRISTENSEN. MSR**

**FCR / 10:30AM - 12:00NOON : VC Auditorium**

**DEATH VALLEY PIONEERS 1849-1850:** Historian Bob Olesen will narrate a presentation of 35 MM colored slides of sites and locations related to the travels of the Death Valley `49ers in 1849-1850 through Death Valley, the Panamint Mountains and Valley, Manly Pass and Searles Valley. This is the first presentation of these scenes, which illustrate the nature of the terrain that confronted those hardy pioneers. Olesen his the author of "Death Valley Trails" and "Rancho San Francisquito and the Death Valley '49ers". Introduction will be made by `49er President Marv Jensen. **MSR**

**SPW / 11:00AM - 1:00 PM : Poolside**

**CHUCK WAGON LUNCH WITH OLD TIME MUSIC:** Enjoy a great SPW hamburger or hot dog while top Country Western Music Fiddlers and Pickers entertain. MC '49er Bill Whitfield presides. Tickets available at '49er Booth and the lunch wagon.



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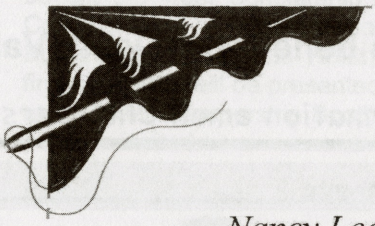
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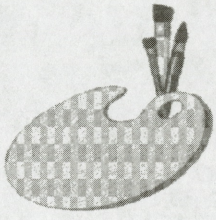

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**Saturday - Breakfast with the Artists - Saturday**

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**Plein-air Contest and Wet Auction**

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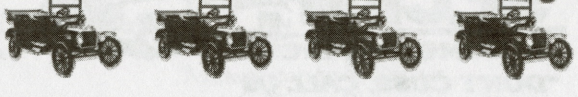
For further information email Chairperson Wanda Elmore at *wandaelmore@cox.net*

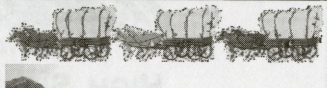
### FCR / 12:00 NOON : FCR Entrance

**MODEL T FORD CLUB ARRIVES:** Death Valley '49ers Life Director & Immediate Past President Bill Pool welcomes the **'Salinas Valley 4 Bangers Model T Ford Club'**. Richard and June Coffey will lead the T's from the Inn to the Ranch. The T's will be on display at the date grove and/or the golf course driving range.



### FCR / 1:00PM : FCR Entrance

**WAGON TRAIN ARRIVES:** '49er Ken Graydon welcomes Wagon Master Norman Noftsier, and E. T. I. #14 as they complete a 100-mile trek. This is the Wagon Train's 41st Encampment. Chaparral will entertain. Bring a hat and chairs. Get up close and personal. Plan to visit the wagons after they circle up near the Fiddlers' Stage.



### SPW / 1:30PM : Poolside

**COME JOIN ROD ERICKSEN FOR SOME GREAT SONGS AND ENTERTAINMENT:** Rod has performed with entertainers like Tammy Wynette and George Jones, and has had a song on the top ten chart. So come and give him a "Great SPWs Welcome". **MSR**

### FCR / 2:00PM : FCR Entrance

**TRAIL RIDERS ARRIVE:** '49er Ken Graydon welcomes the Equestrian Trails, Inc. members as they complete their 45th Annual Desert Trail Ride (125 miles in 5 1/2 days). Chairperson Gwen Allen and trail bosses lead the riders through the Valley of Death, from Ridgecrest, Ca. over portions of the famed 20-Mule Team Route. Chaparral Entertain.

### FCR / 2:00PM : VC Auditorium

**ARTISTS' QUICK DRAW & AUCTION:** Each of the Quick Draw Artists are challenged to complete a masterpiece in only 45 minutes. Nationally renowned auctioneer, Steve Orcutt auctions the artwork. Scholarship applicants will assist at the auction and proceeds benefit the '49er Scholarship Program.

### SPW / 3:30PM : Badwater Saloon

**SLIDE SHOW:** Join Death Valley '49er Author, Historian Ken Lengner as he brings you the "The Spring Beauty of Death Valley". **MSR**

**FCR / 4:15PM - 5:00PM : VC Auditorium**

**TED FAYE VIDEO:** Filmmaker Ted Faye Presents a Gold Creek Classic NOW ON DVD: ***Death Valley Memories*** Ted's first Death Valley project is now on DVD. Join Ted for a walk down memory lane with old-timers who remember Death Valley's characters. This film, narrated by eddie Albert was funded in part by the Death Valley '49ers. This screening features a special recorded introduction by President Ronald Reagan filmed in 1993 by Ted and his crew at the former President's Century City Offices. **MSR**

**FCR / 6:00PM - 9:00PM : Fiddlers' Stage**

**Concert presented by Ron Hannold:** More Songs, Music, Tall Tales - you'll hear it all here where modern man is still in the Old West. Put on by the Death Valley '49ers and MC Ron Hannold. **MSR**

**FCR / 7:30PM : FCR Entrance**

**OL' DINAH CAMPFIRE:** Join MC Ken Graydon along with Chaparral for some fine vocals, music and entertainment.

***Happy 51st Anniversary to the Death Valley '49ers Boss of the Plains Stetson Hat***

**SPW / 6:30PM : Poolside**

**JOE DOCTOR'S TALL TALES CONTEST:** Come on down and participate with a clean tall tale.

Ribbons will be presented in both the Adult and Children categories. Sign up at event.

'49ers Tom Leftwich and 'Texas' Rick Hartmann entertain. MC '49er Cal Steibel **MSR**

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

**FCR / 6:30AM - 8:30AM : Golf Course**

**BREAKFAST WITH THE ARTISTS and AUCTION:** 7:30AM program begins. Auctioneer Steve Orcutt and Past President Leslie B. DeMille will MC. Musical entertainment will be provided. Find out if the art you voted for won the competition as the winners are announced in each of the five categories. See Plein-Air competition artwork and judging. The 2007 Artists' Composite completed by Russ Walker. Two Peoples Composite paintings and the winners of the Plein-Air competition will be auctioned. Proceeds benefit the '49er Scholarship program. The 2008 Artists' Composite will be started by Janet LeRoy. The coveted Sid Burns Award for Artists' Artist and the award for the best first-time artist will be presented. Breakfast tickets available at the '49er Membership Booths and at the breakfast. The public is invited.

**SPW / 8:00AM : Poolside**

**CRAFTS AND PHOTO AWARDS SHOW BREAKFAST:** Featuring **CHAPARRAL** (Note: All articles must be picked up by 11:00AM) Tickets available at the '49er Membership Booth and at the Breakfast.

Chairpersons: '49ers Danny Ray & Cheryl Thomas

**FCR / 8:00AM : Golf Course**

**DEATH VALLEY '49er GOLF TOURNAMENT 2nd Round:** Entry forms available at golf course or Membership Booths. "Two (2) person scramble" using posted handicaps. (format varies from Friday). Entry fee includes green fee. (Tee Times Available) '49er membership required to participate. Reduced green fees will be given for the week of the Encampment with a '49er membership. Prizes: Golf outings, golf packages, casino overnights, golf equipment, etc. **MSR**

**FCR / 8:00AM - 9:00AM : Lawn area behind Borax Museum near tennis courts**

**SIGN-UP FOR DEATH VALLEY GOLD PANNING CHAMPIONSHIP:** Sign-ups will stop at 9:00AM sharp. Chairperson - '49er Fran Leftwich. **MSR**

**FCR / 8:30AM : Fiddlers' Stage**

**Registration For Grassy Green Pickin' and Fiddlin' Contest:** Pickin' Contest will begin a 9:00AM. Fiddlin' Contest will begin at 1:00PM. Register for both events at the Fiddlers' Stage or until the close of your category. **MSR**

**FCR / 9:00AM : Lawn area behind Borax Museum near tennis courts**

**24th ANNUAL GOLD PANNING CHAMPIONSHIP:** '49ers Fran Leftwich and "T" Ted Tatro invite you to enter our contest & "Pan to Win." Conducted in accordance with International Championship rules. MC '49er Tom Leftwich provides entertainment and commentary. Awards presented to winners. **MSR**

**FCR / 9:00AM : Date Grove**

**HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT CONTINUES:**

Classes A & B. Men.

**FCR / 9:00AM - 9:45AM : VC Auditorium**

**PREMIER SHOWING** of a film from Filmmaker Ted Faye: ***Weird Tales from Death Valley***. See SPECIAL FEATURES for more details. **MSR**

**FCR / 9:00AM - 1:00PM : Date Grove**

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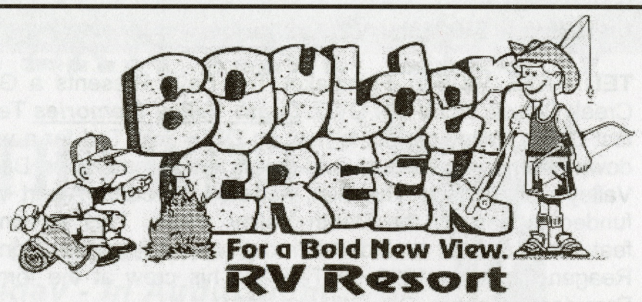

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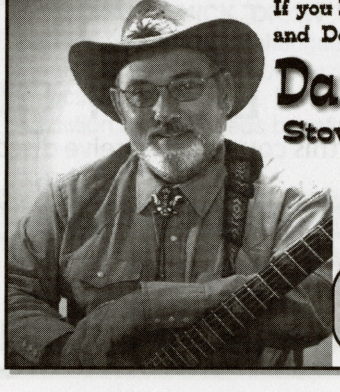
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### FCR / 9:00AM - 5:00PM : VC Parking Area

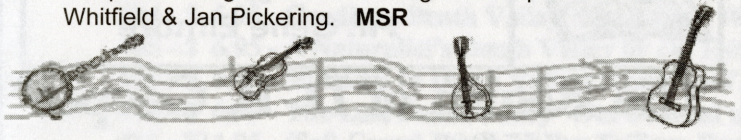
**INVITATIONAL WESTERN ART SHOW:** The competition prize winners (announced at the Breakfast with the Artists) will display their ribbons and artwork. You can meet the artists, and all artwork is for sale.

### FCR / 9:00AM - 4:00PM : Behind Borax Museum

**' SOUTHWEST MINING, MINERALS, LAPIDARY & CRAFT SHOW '** Chairperson: '49er Wanda Elmore

### FCR / 9:30AM : Fiddlers' Stage

**GRASSY GREEN PICKIN' CONTEST:** Preliminary competition begins for finals tonight. Chairpersons '49ers Bill Whitfield & Jan Pickering. **MSR**



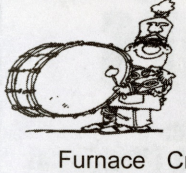
### FCR / 9:45AM : Date Grove

**PRE - PARADE MUSIC:** Enjoy the music of Advisor Don Truby & Director Jean Pickard while waiting for the Parade to begin.

### FCR / 10:00AM : Date Grove

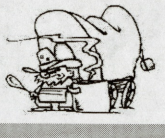
**12th ANNUAL DEATH VALLEY ENCAMPMENT**

: Representatives of all activities of the Encampment will participate. E. Clampus Vitus, Costume Contestants, Red Hat Society Ladies, Hikers, Trail Riders, Wagons, Special Vehicles & lots more are in the parade. If you have an entry come join us at 9:00AM. Parade forms at corral area on Furnace Creek Ranch. MC's '49ers Ken Graydon and Bill Geist. '49er Sue Conn, Chairperson.



### SPW / 11:00AM : Poolside

**CHUCK WAGON LUNCH:** Come and listen to Stovepipe Wells Favorite Son, **'49er Danny Ray Thomas**. Danny Ray will entertain you with some great western tunes while you enjoy your **Chuck Wagon Lunch.**



### FCR / 11:00AM : Fiddlers' Stage

**VETERANS' TRIBUTE:** Join us as we honor all veterans. Service conducted by '49ers Gene and Jan Pickering.

### SPW / 12:00 HIGH NOON : Poolside

**COWBOY & SOUTHWESTERN POETRY:** Open Event. Poetry of the desert southwest, mines cowboys and other aspects of the Death Valley region. Bring your Membership Button and your poetry and take part with '49er Ken Graydon. **MSR**

### FCR / 1:00PM - 4:00PM : Visitor Center

**WOOD CARVING DEMONSTRATION:** Visiting carvers welcome. Hosted by '49er and Artist Al Fougner

### FCR / 1:00PM - 1:45PM : VC Auditorium

**PREMIER SHOWING** of a film from Filmmaker Ted Faye: ***Weird Tales from Death Valley***. See SPECIAL FEATURES for more details. **MSR**

### FCR / 1:00PM : Fiddlers' Stage

**OLD TIME FIDDLE CONTEST:** Sign up for Fiddle Contest. **Contest Begins at 1:30PM** Preliminary competition for finals tonight. Chairperson '49er Bill Whitfield. **MSR**

### SPW / 1:30PM : East of General Store

**PROSPECTORS RACE:** East of General Store. We're bringing back the fun times of the Prospectors Race. Come join in on this wonderful event brought back by popular demand. '49ers Chuck & Sarah Fiske will officiate. **MSR**

### SPW / 2:30PM : East of General Store

**WHEELBARROW RACE:** Join in the fun as the '49er team of Dave and Bev Stomps MC this event. **MSR**

### FCR / 3:00PM - 3:45PM : VC Auditorium

**TED FAYE VIDEO:** Filmmaker Ted Faye Presents a Gold Creek Classic NOW ON DVD: ***Death Valley Memories*** Ted's first Death Valley project is now on DVD. Join Ted for a walk down memory lane with old-timers who remember Death Valley's characters. This film, narrated by eddie Albert was funded in part by the Death Valley '49ers. This screening features a special recorded introduction by President Ronald Reagan filmed in 1993 by Ted and his crew at the former President's Century City Offices. **MSR**

### FCR / 6:00PM : Fiddlers' Stage

**OLD TIME PICKIN' and FIDDLE CONTEST FINALS:** MC Phee Graydon. Awards presented. **MSR**

### SPW / 6:30PM : Poolside

**COUNTRY JAMBOREE:** Invitational group entertainment. Sign up at the '49er Membership Booth. From 6:30PM till the lights go out. Contact '49ers Tom Leftwich or Danny Ray Thomas for more information. Participation Ribbons will be given. **MSR**

### FCR / 7:00PM : FCR Entrance at Ol' Dinah

**DESERT NIGHT MUSIC:** Western music by the campfire under the desert stars with **CHAPARRAL**

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th

**FCR / 8:00AM : Golf Course**

**SUNDAY MORNING SING:** Join '49er Ken Graydon, Chaparral, and others in favorite hymns, gospels and other songs to warm the heart.

**SPW / 8:00AM : Poolside**

**GOSPEL SING:** Join in with '49er Tom Leftwich and others for old favorite gospel hymns and songs in a beautiful desert setting.

**FCR / 9:00AM - 12:00PM : VC Parking area**

**INVITATIONAL WESTERN ART SHOW:** This is your last opportunity to take that special piece of art home with you. **ALL ARTWORK IS FOR SALE**

**FCR / 9:00AM - 12 NOON : Behind Borax Museum**

**' SOUTHWEST MINING, MINERALS, LAPIDARY & CRAFT SHOW '** Chairperson: '49er Wanda Elmore

**FCR / 10:00AM : Catholic Mass**

**Visitor Center Auditorium**

**FCR & SPW Interdenominational Church Services**

Check at the Visitor Center for time and place.

**FCR / 1:00PM : Visitor Center Auditorium**

**DEATH VALLEY '49ER ANNUAL MEETING:**

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*All are welcome to attend.*

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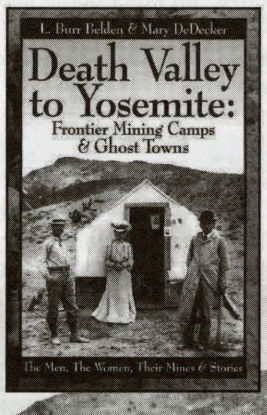
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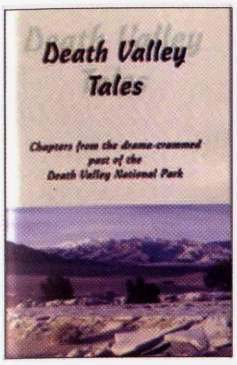


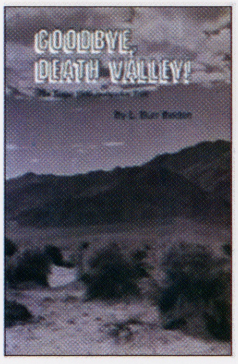


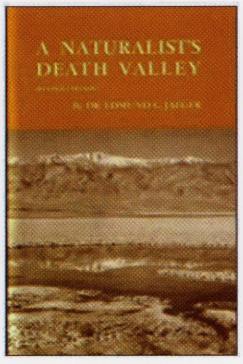


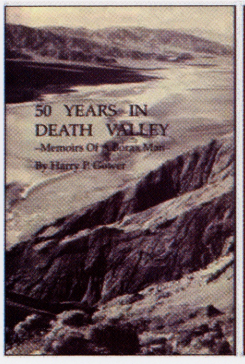


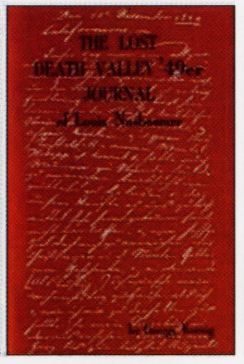


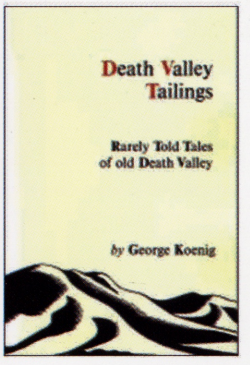


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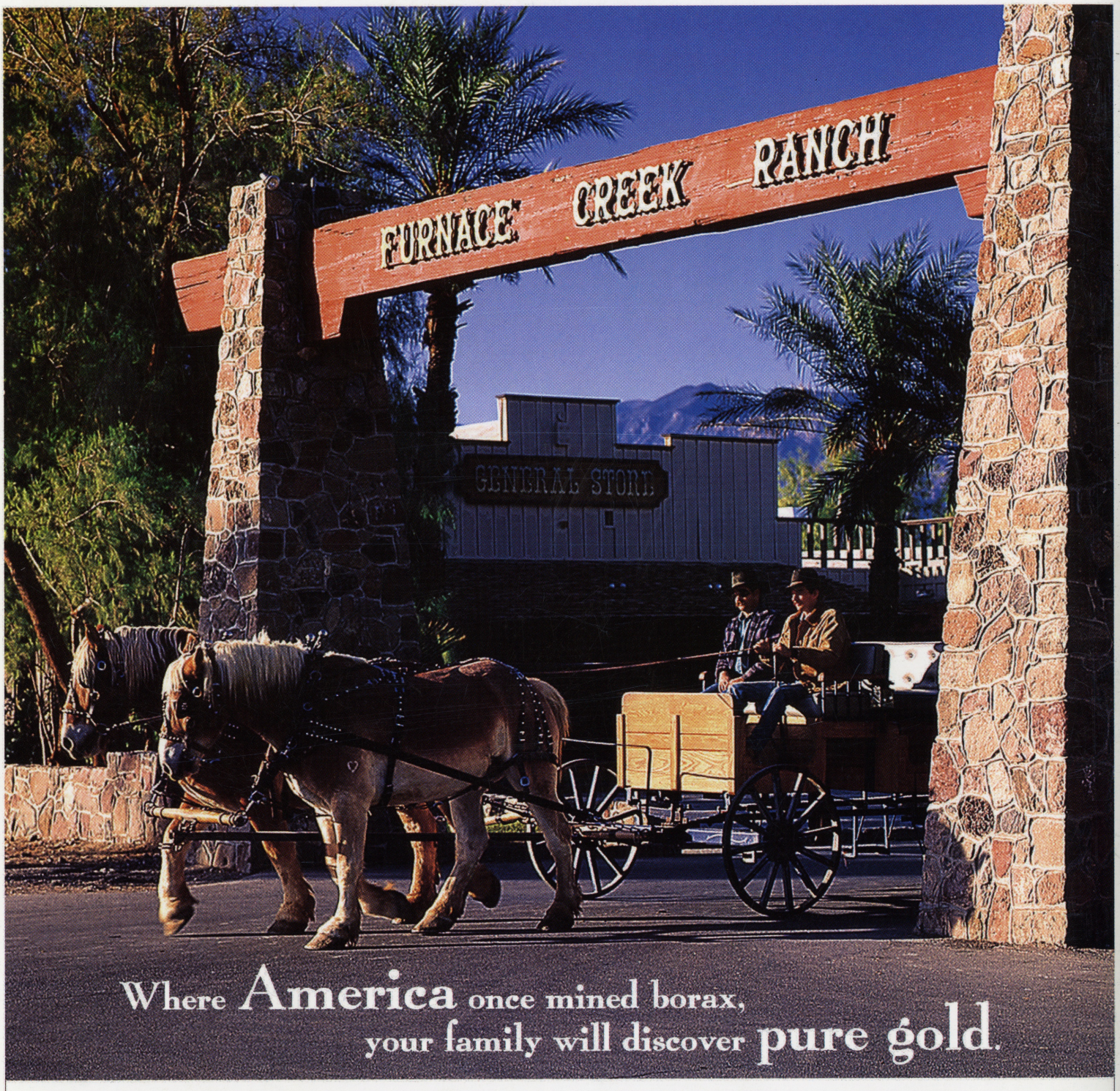


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